

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An apparatus for the return of lubricant for a refrigeration machine (~~K~~) comprising a container (2) with at least one sheet metal partition (3), said sheet metal partition (3) dividing the container (2) into at least a first zone (4) and a second zone (5), as well as a sheet metal separating member (7) arranged in the second zone (5) for separating out lubricant (6), wherein in the second zone (5) an extraction device (8) is arranged in relation to the sheet metal separating member (7) in such a way and formed so that the lubricant (6) separated out at the sheet metal separating member (7) is removable from the container (2) by means of the extraction device (8), the extraction device comprising an extraction stub for receiving the lubricant.

Claim 2 (currently amended): An apparatus for the return of lubricant in accordance with claim 1, in which the extraction device (8) comprises an extraction stub (9) for receiving the lubricant (6).

Claim 3 (currently amended): An apparatus for the return of lubricant in accordance with claim 1, in which a sheet metal lubricant catcher (~~10~~) is arranged between the sheet metal separating member (7) and the extraction device (8).

Claim 4 (currently amended): An apparatus for the return of lubricant in accordance with claim 1, wherein the extraction device (8) includes a collecting container (12) for the lubricant (6) connected with the extraction stub (9) via a line (11).

Claim 5 (currently amended): An apparatus for the return of lubricant in accordance with ~~claim 4~~ claim 12, wherein a valve (~~13~~) is provided in the line (11) for the control and/or regulation of the amount of lubricant (6) to be extracted from the container (2).

Claim 6 (currently amended): An apparatus for the return of lubricant in accordance with ~~claim 4~~ claim 12, wherein the collecting container (12) includes means (14, 15) and is formed in such a way that residues of a refrigerant (16) can be separated from the lubricant (6).

Claim 7 (currently amended): An apparatus for the return of lubricant in accordance with claim 1, wherein, in the operating state, the lubricant (6) is an oil which is essentially non-soluble in the refrigerant (16).

Claim 8 (currently amended): An apparatus for the return of lubricant in accordance with claim 1, wherein the refrigerant (16) is carbon dioxide.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A refrigeration machine (~~K~~) with a lubricant return in accordance with claim 1.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A refrigeration machine (~~K~~) in accordance with claim 9 with a compressor (17) and a ~~vaporiser~~ (18) vaporizer, wherein the lubricant return is arranged between the compressor (17) and the ~~vaporiser~~ (18) vaporizer.

Claim 11 (new): An apparatus for the return of lubricant for a refrigeration machine comprising a container with at least one sheet metal partition, said sheet metal partition dividing the container into at least a first zone and a second zone, as well as a sheet metal separating member arranged in the second zone for separating out lubricant, wherein in the second zone an extraction device is arranged in relation to the sheet metal separating member in such a way and formed so that the lubricant separated out at the sheet metal separating member is removable from the container by means of the extraction device, and a sheet metal lubricant catcher arranged between the sheet metal separating member and the extraction device.

Claim 12 (new): An apparatus for the return of lubricant for a refrigeration machine comprising a container with at least one sheet metal partition, said sheet metal partition dividing the container into at least a first zone and a second zone, as well as a sheet metal separating member arranged in the second zone for separating out lubricant, wherein in the second zone an extraction device is arranged in relation to the sheet metal separating member in

such a way and formed so that the lubricant separated out at the sheet metal separating member is removable from the container by means of the extraction device, the extraction device including a collecting container for the lubricant connected with an extraction stub via a line.